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A comprehensive mini-biography of

HENRY WINSLOW "WIN" PRATT

By

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In harmony with the first law of genealogy or family history research, i.e., documentation, I submit my famous Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile on my Great Grandfather Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt including all known documentation presented for the serious researcher. This has been done to help family historians continue in their thirst for family history knowledge without a duplication of effort. All I ask is that you acknowledge my contribution to your family history research.

It is my hope that this will serve as a template for others to record and report on their ancestry.

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Cradle To Grave (C2G) Profile for Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Name:	Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt			Sex:	M
Birth Date:	6 September 1869				
Place:	near Osage Post Office, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States				
Chr. Date:		Place:			
Death Date:	24 March 1914	Place:	near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States		
Burial Date:	26 March 1914				
Place:	Harrison Cemetery, Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States				
Father:	Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt {C2G} (1831-1912)				
Mother:	Mary Kimberlin {C2G} (1835-1876/1880)				
Spouse:	*Mary Laura Magdalene Missé Missey (20 February 1874 - 17 April 1938)				
Marr. Date:	29 January 1893	Place:	Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States		
Children:	1 Columbus "Lum" Benjamin Alexander Pratt (1893-1947)				
	2 Jesse "Jess" Lee Pratt (1894-1962)				
	3 Albert "Al" Paris Pratt (1897-1936)				
	4 Virgil Ranson Pratt (1899-1971)				
	5 Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt (1902-1961)				
	6 Ruth Jane Pratt (1904-1961)				
	7 Mary Center Pratt (1907-1918)				
	8 Orville Hayes Pratt (1911-1980)				

General:

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1869 Birthblock for Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt son of Alexander R. & Mary (KIMBERLIN) Pratt

Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt was born near Osage Post Office, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States on 6 September 1869.

Date from 1870 census states he was born in 1870 in Missouri.

Date from 1880 census states he was born in 1869 in Missouri.

Date from 1900 census states he was born September 1871 in Missouri.

Date from 1910 census states he was born 1873 in Missouri.

Date from death certificate states he was born 6 September 1868 in Missouri.

Date from headstone states he was born 6 September 1868.

[The 1870 census was taken on 16 August 1870 and his father and mother said he was 8 months old at that time and born in September. Backtracking 8 months is December 1869. Therefore, if he was born on the sixth, then it was 6 September 1869. Either he was born in September or December of 1869, I'm going with 6 September 1869.-Floyd Thomas Pratt]

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1870 Federal Census age 8 months born in September

Osage Post Office, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States, page 98a, 16 August 1870, line 31, house 106, family 106

PRATT, Alexander w m 37; Mary w f 35; Mary w f 13; Jackson w m 8; Fannie w f 4; Pelina w f 2; Winslow w m 8mos born in September

[All born in Missouri except Alexander born in Tennessee. Alexander is a farmer. Alex, Mary and daughter Mary could not read and write. Winslow was born in September. Living in close proximity to the John Record family and the Kimberlins.]

1872 Death of step-grandfather; Abraham Absalom Blanton

Abraham Absalom Blanton, grandmother; Nancy (**CARTER**) Pratt Blanton's second husband died on March 4, 1872 in Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States. Date and place stated in the Deed of Washington, Missouri, United States Deed Record Book "U", page 322. [There should be an article about him in the Sullivan or Potosi newspapers at that time. As a landowner and business man with one of the largest mansions in the Washington County area, and he employed a great many of the locals to work in his mines, he was a man of importance and his death should not have gone unnoticed by the local literary community.-Floyd Thomas Pratt]

1873 Childbirth of brother; Rhinehart "Rinard" Pratt

Rhinehart "Rinard" Pratt was born March 1873 near Osage Post Office, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1873 Father's Property Transaction

Hempstead County, Arkansas Warranty Deed, 3 July 1873 1/8 NE¼ SW¼ S30 T40 R1W
James Blanton and wife Nancy H. Blanton sell forty acres of land in Washington County, Missouri to Alexander R. Pratt for sixty dollars, To wit: undivided 1/8 of the north east quarter of the south west quarter of section no. 30 township no. 40 range no. 1 west of the fifth principal meridian. 1/8 NE¼ SW¼ S30 T40 R1W
[This was part of Absalom Blanton's estate inheritance divided among his children after he died on 4 March 1872. Alexander bought out the Blanton descendants.]

1873 Father's Property Transaction

[1] Washington County, Missouri Deed Record Book "V", page 1-3, 4 October 1873

Heirs of Absalom Blanton deed to Alexander Pratt

Participants; Elbert S. Blanton and wife, Mary E. Blanton; John Allen and wife Elizabeth Allen; John E. Pratt and wife Caroline Pratt; John Blanton and wife, Margaret S. Blanton; William W. Blanton and wife, Mary A. Blanton; Alexander Blanton; Henry H. Blanton and wife, Matilda J. Blanton.

Research Note

Alexander R. Pratt paid them fifty dollars each for 40 acres in Washington Co., MO. To wit: One undivided eight 1/8 of the north half of section no. one of the south west quarter of section no. 30 in township no. 40 of range one west. 1/8 N½ S1 SW¼ S30 T40 R1W

1875 Death of grandmother; Nancy (CARTER) Pratt Blanton

Nancy (**CARTER**) Pratt Blanton died on 17 November 1875 at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States according to the 14 January 1876 Administrator's Bond in Johnson Twp, Washington,

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Missouri, United States.

1876 Father's Administrator's Bond for Nancy (CARTER) Pratt Blanton

Washington County, Missouri, Administrator's Bond 14 January 1876

Affidavit: State of Missouri; County of Washington

Alexander R. Pratt, administrator of the estate of Nancy Blanton, deceased, being duly sworn, says that the said Nancy Blanton died intestate, and without leaving any will, at Washington County, Missouri Nov 17th A.D. 1875 leaving as her heirs Alex R. Pratt, Jane Blanton wife of Henry Blanton, Sarah A. Blanton wife of Jno. A. Blanton, Mary Blanton wife of Alfred Blanton & Jacob H., Fanny, R. A. & Nancy Pratt children of Jas. Pratt decd living in Washington County, Missouri and Catherine, Alexander, Absalom, Augustus, Queen, Isabella, Susan, Benjamin, Sarah, and Louisa Blanton children of Alex & nancy M. Blanton and Susan Hansell residing in Crawford County, Missouri, and Lorinda Hull wife of Ira Hull residing in Laclede County, Missouri. And that he will make a perfect inventory of, and faithfully administer all the estate of the said Nancy Blanton, and pay the debts as far as the assets will extend and the law direct, and account for and pay all assets which shall come to his possession or knowledge. Alexander R. Pratt, X his mark

1876 Childbirth of sister: Minnie (PRATT)

Minnie (**PRATT**) was born 8 November 1876 in Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1876-1880 Death of mother: Mary (KIMBERLIN) Pratt

Mary (**KIMBERLIN**) Pratt died near Osage Post Office, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States probably after giving birth to daughter, Minnie (**PRATT**) in 1876.

1880 Federal Census age 11

Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States, page 85a, 10 June 1880, line 28, house 80, family 85
PRATT, Alexander head w m male 46; Stonewall J.[Jackson] son w m 19; Manerva dau w f 15; Polinia dau w f 13; Winslow son w m 11; Rhinard son w m 7; Minnie dau w f 4

[Alexander born in Tennessee, his parents in Virginia, all the rest born in Missouri, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Missouri. Alexander is a widower and a farmer. Living next door to his daughter's family; James & Mary Ellen (**PRATT**) Studdard.]

1885 Father's Marriage of Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt and Miss Catherine Adaline (DUGAN)

Washington County, Missouri Marriage Record Book "I", page 223

[1] Alexander Pratt and Miss Catherine Adeline Dugan were married on 20 August 1885 in Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States

[2] Washington County - Marriage Records Volume 1 1881-1889 by Brian Oster / 223-2

Alexander Pratt of Johnson Twp., Washington Co., Mo. over 21; Miss Caroline Adeline Dugan of Johnson Twp., Washington Co., Mo. over 18; 7 August 1885 license; married on 20 August 1885 by Simon O'Farrell, JP at Hamilton (<http://www.vienici.com/moabs/WildCard.asp>)

Research Note

Seems to be a discrepancy of enormous proportions. When I read their marriage record in 1976, I was new to research and as an untrained observer, I thought I saw her name as Mrs. Other researchers have now reported that the Mrs. was actually Misf which was a double "s" indicating she was a Miss not a Mrs. After viewing the actual record, I must now conclude that it is written as Miss not Mrs. I have found in the census records a Miss Catherine Adaline (**DUGAN**) in Franklin County, Missouri who was 20 years old. Alexander

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would have been 53 years old at the time of this marriage and surely the newspapers should have written an article about the discrepancy in age of this marriage. I have not had the time to check the Sullivan, Potosi, Bourbon or Steelville newspapers to verify any such article. After researching the Dugan family, I am convinced Adaline, the 20 year old in the census is the one he married...that would explain her ability to bear two children and dying young, from childbirth complications in 1892.

1888 Childbirth of step-brother: Carac Francis Pratt

Carac Francis Pratt was born 13 October 1888 in Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1892 Childbirth of step-brother: Cleveland "Cleve" Pratt

Cleveland "Cleve" Pratt was born March 1892 in Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1892 Death of step-mother: Catherine Adaline (DUGAN) Pratt

Catherine Adaline (**DUGAN**) Pratt died near Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States after March 1892 the birthdate her son; Cleveland and before 8 October 1892 the deed date where Alexander states he is single.

1892 Father's Property Transaction

[1] Franklin County, Missouri, United States Deed Record Book , 8 October 1892, page
*Warranty Deed: Alexander R. Pratt to Ross M. Crow All of SW¼ of NW¼ part NW¼ of SW¼ S90 T40 R1W
This indenture made on the eighth day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two by and between Alexander R. Pratt of Washington County, Missouri party of the first part and Ross M. Crow of the County of Washington in the state of Missouri party of the second part, witness that the said party of the first part in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him paid by the said party of the second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and by these presents hereby grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns the following assigned lots, parcels or tracts of land lying and being the county of Washington and in the state of Missouri to wit: All of the south west quarter of the north west quarter [SW¼ of the NW¼] and part of the the north west quarter of the south west quarter [NW¼ of the SW¼] of section ninety [90] township forty [40] range one west [R1W] containing sixty-four [64] acres more or less. To have and to hold the premises aforesaid with all the rights, privileges, appurtenances and immunities that belonging in anyway pertaining unto the said party of the second part and unto his heirs and assigns forever. The said Alexander R. Pratt truly covenants that he is lawfully ??? in an indefeasible estate in fee in the persons have conveyed that he has good right to convey the same that the said premises are free and clear of any incumbrances no one or suffered by him that makes a claim. And that he will warrant and defend to the said party of the second part of any claims by his heirs and assigns forever against any unlawful claims or all persons whomsoever. In witness that the party of the first part has set his hand and seal this day and year first above written. Alexander R. Pratt his X mark*

On this 8th day of October 1892 before me personally appeared Alexander R. Pratt to me known to be the person ascribed in and executed the forgoing instrument and acknowledged that he excuted the same as his free will and deed. Further said Alexander R. Pratt further declares himself to be single and unmarried. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my office seal at my office in Sullivan the day and year first above written. Joseph V. Pits notary public

[This deed declares that Alexander was single as of October 8, 1892. Therefore his wife had died probably from birth complications of her son; Cleveland Pratt who was born in March 1892 and the date of this deed 8 October 1892.]

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1893 Marriage of Henry Winslow Pratt and Mary Laura Magdalene (MISSEY)

[1] Crawford County, Missouri, Marriage Record Book "E", page 172

William H. Pratt and Laura M. Missey, State of Missouri County of Crawford, This license authorizes any Judge, Justice of the Peace, Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, or any other person authorized under the Laws of this State, to Solemnize Marriage between William H. Pratt of Vilander County of Crawford and State of Missouri, who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Laura M. Missey of Vilander in the County of Crawford and State of Missouri, who is over the age of eighteen years. This is to certify, that undersigned a Minister of the Gospel did at residence of the bride in said County, on the 29th day of January A.D. 1893, unite in marriage the above named persons. M. A. Clayton

[Should be noted that this is the only reference to Winslow's name as William. I attribute this error to the county clerk or minister recording this marriage due to their lack of familiarity with Henry Winslow Pratt. Laura (MISSEY)'s residence was with her father; Columbus Francis Missey at Crows Creek, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.]

1893 Father's Property Transaction

Franklin County, Missouri, United States Deed Record Book , 2 September 1893

Quit Claim Deed: Alexander R. Pratt to Ross M. Crow N½ of Lot 2 NW¼ of SW¼ S30 T40 R1W

Alexander R. Pratt sells 80 acres for one thousand dollars to Ross M. Crow. Land is in Washington County, Missouri even though this deed was filed in Franklin County. North half of lot No. 2, north west quarter of the south west quarter section 30 township 40 range one west containing eighty acres.

[It appears after the death of Catherine, his second wife, Alexander sold off the old homestead in Hamilton Hollow to Ross Crow. After living the area since 1839 they moved to Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States before the 19 June 1900 census date.]

1893 Childbirth of son, my grandfather; Columbus "Lum" Benjamin Alexander Pratt

Columbus "Lum" Benjamin Alexander Pratt was born 1 December 1893 at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

Research Note

Concerning his place of birth, my grandmother, Rue (JOHNSON) Pratt told me Lum was born in Catawissa, Calvey Twp, Franklin, Missouri. However, this is contrary to the location of his parent's residence which was at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States. Since the 1890 census was destroyed by fire, we do not have the location of his parent's exact residence. The 1880 census states his father was in Johnson Twp, Washington County, Missouri and the 1900 census states his father lived in Johnson Twp, Washington County, Missouri since both censuses are in Johnson Twp, Washington County, Missouri then I would conclude that he was born in Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri not Catawissa, Calvey Twp, Franklin, Missouri. Also, on his brother's, Jesse Lee Pratt's death certificate, it states that Jess was born near Sullivan, Missouri. Since Sullivan is the closest town to Hamilton Hollow then this also supports my assumption that Columbus was born in Hamilton Hollow. Without stronger evidence supporting the Catawissa birthplace, I believe that Columbus Benjamin Alexander Pratt was born at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States. Therefore, until new proof can be found to support the Catawissa birthplace, henceforth based on the above evidence I stand by my presumptive conclusions.-
Floyd Thomas Pratt 2009

1894 Childbirth of son; Jesse "Jess" Lee Pratt

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Jesse "Jess" Lee Pratt was born 23 November 1894 near Sullivan, at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1897 Childbirth of son: Albert "Al" Paris Pratt

Albert "Al" Paris Pratt was born 28 June 1897 at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1899 Childbirth of son: Virgil Ranson Pratt

Virgil Ranson Pratt was born 4 July 1899 at Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States.

1900 Federal Census age 31

Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States, page 8b, 15 June 1900, line 65, dwelling 131, family 135

PRATT, Henry W. w m born September 1871 age 28; Laura wife w f born February 1876 age 24; Lum son w m born December 1893 age 6; Jessie son w m born November 1894 age 5; Albert son w m born June 1897 age 3; Virgile son w m born July 1899 age 10mos

[All born in Missouri as were their parents except Henry's father was born in Tennessee. Living next door to David & Fannie (**PRATT**) Campbell, Henry's sister. Laura says they have been married 7 years and she has had 4 children and 4 are living.]

1900-1902 Family Move

From Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri, United States to Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1902 Childbirth of son: Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt

Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt was born 3 January 1902 in Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1904 Childbirth of daughter: Ruth Jane (PRATT)

Ruth Jane (**PRATT**) was born 8 August 1904 in Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1904-1907 Family Move

From Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States to Vilander, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1907 Childbirth of daughter: Mary Senter (PRATT)

Mary Senter (**PRATT**) was born 12 June 1907 at Vilander, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1910 Federal Census age 41

Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States, page 27b, 2 May 1910, line 60, house 242, family 244

PRATT, Henry W. head w m 37; Laura wife w f 35; Columbus son w m 16; Jessie L. son w m 15; Albert P. son w m 13; Virgil R. son w m 9; Henry A. son w m 7; Ruth J. dau w f 5; Mary S. dau w f 3; Alexander father w m 77

[All born in Missouri except father, Alexander born in Tennessee. Henry's father born in Tennessee as was the parents of Alexander. This is their first marriage and they have been married for 18 years. Henry says he owned his home and was a farmer. Henry could not read or write neither could Alexander. Laura says she

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has had 7 children born and 7 are living. Alexander is a widower. All children are single. Living a few doors down from John & Susan (**WEST**) Studdard family. Even though Henry Winslow Pratt says he owned the home in the 1910 census, I could not find the deed recorded in Crawford County deeds. I checked 1881 to 1917 deed records and could not find an entry where Henry Winslow Pratt was grantor or grantee. The home that my aunts and uncles remember between Crows Creek and Brazil Creek (see map) belonged to Columbus Francois Missey, Laura's father. He had entered a deed for 120 acres on 20 April 1889. Either he sold the property to Henry Winslow Pratt and they never filed the deed or the land was given to his daughter and son-in-law as a gift. The deed records need to be searched from 1917 to Laura's death to find out when C. F. Missey sold that land or how it was disposed. -Floyd Thomas Pratt]

1911 Sullivan Sentinel News

Sullivan Sentinel Newspaper, 24 February 1911, In the "Local News" section:

"H.W. Pratt and wife who live on the Boyd Farm on the river were in town Tuesday. Mr. Pratt will move next week to a farm over in Washington County near Bliss Post Office."

1911 Sullivan Sentinel News

Sullivan Sentinel Newspaper, 27 October 1911, Friday, In the "Vilander" section:

"Winslow Pratt and family have returned to the home of C.F. MISSEY (Mrs. Pratts father) where they will stop until they get a dwelling built."

1911 Sullivan Sentinel News

Sullivan Sentinel Newspaper, 3 November 1911, Friday, In the "Seminary" section:

C.F. Missey is moving to Bourbon.

1911 Childbirth of son: Orville Hayes Pratt

Orville Hayes Pratt was born 17 December 1911 near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1912 Death of father: Alexander R. "Alex" Pratt

Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt died near Cherryville, Osage Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States in 1912.

[1] Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt died either the early part of 1912 (Jan-Mar) or the latter (Oct-Dec) according to his grandson, Fred Callahan. The roads were icy and they could not take his body back to Sullivan so they buried him the Freeman Cemetery, Cherryville, Osage Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States. He died at his daughter's residence Thomas Livey & Polina (**PRATT**) Callahan's home near Cherryville, Osage Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

[2] Date on metal plate at gravesite states 1831-1912 from gravesite marker at Freeman Cemetery, Cherryville, Crawford, Missouri, United States.

1914 Death of Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt

Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt died near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States on 24 March 1914.

[1] Missouri Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, death certificate #12055

As it is listed at the S.O.S. website: Winslow Pratt March 24, 1914 Crawford 12055

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/#search>

"Winslow Pratt white married male born 6 September 1868 in Missouri to Alexander Pratt born in Missouri and Mary Kimberlin born Missouri. Winslow is a farmer. James P. Dunnigan M.D. was attending physician

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from 1 February 1914 to 24 March 1914 and Winslow died of ureaemia and chronic intestinal mephititis. He died at 9:30am on 24 March 1914 at Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States and was buried on 26 March 1914 at Crawford County, Missouri. The informant was Lum Missey, Bourbon, Missouri."

[Urea: A nitrogen-containing substance normally cleared from the blood by the kidney into the urine. Diseases that compromise the function of the kidney often lead to increased blood levels of urea, as measured by the blood urea nitrogen test. Mephitic or carbon dioxide poisoning. — mephitic, mephitical, adj. It appears Winslow ate something at Christmas and it poisoned him.]

1914 Burial of Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt

Harrison Cemetery, Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States

headstone...Pratt, Winslow 6 September 1868- 24 March 1914

headstone...Pratt, Laura M. 20 July 1874- 17 April 1938

[Many Pratt relatives are buried in this cemetery including my brother; Larry Winslow Pratt.]

1914 Sullivan Sentinel News

Sullivan Sentinel Newspaper, 27 March 1914, Friday:

"Winslow Pratt of Crow's Creek died Wednesday, March 25. He had been sick since Christmas. He leaves a wife and 8 children."

Henry Winslow & Mary Laura Magdalene (MISSEY) Pratt's Crows Creek Family Home by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 16 August 2010

Back in the early 1990's Bonnie and I were attending the Pratt-Graddy family reunion in Bourbon, Missouri. They always held the reunion on the 2nd Saturday of each September.

After much coaxing, I was able to convince Dad, Uncle Jim and Aunt Edith to take me to Henry Winslow Pratt's cabin location on Crows Creek. I had never been there and after all these years I now knew some history of that property. I wanted to research the property and surroundings taking pictures for future posterity.

So, with about 15 to 20 people, piled into several cars, we drove out of Bourbon to Sullivan took Highway D to Sappington Road and drove down to Thickey Ford Road near Greens Branch creek...I think. I think we had to cross Greens Branch to get to the cabin's location because there were no roads into the property.

When we got to the section where Thickey Ford Road makes a sharp left, the dirt road continued straight on down the hill...but, at the entrance of someone's property there was a padlocked gate so, we had to park our cars up by the gate and walk to the creek.

We walked down the hill towards the creek about 100 yards and when we got to the creek, the 2 wheeled road drove right into the creek and up the other side. You've seen those roads, where you have weeds and grass growing up in-between where the wheels drove. The creek was about 30 feet wide but not very deep.

It had rained the night before and the creek was up to about our knees-waist and it was flowing rather quickly and it was *cold*.

I was excited about being able to see the cabin location that Columbus Francis Missey had owned and gave to Henry & wife; Mary Laura Magdalene (**MISSEY**) Pratt family.

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Uncle Jim knew the most about the location and said that when they were little, he and his brothers used to visit the cabin before it burned down. Now all that was left was a rock foundation and maybe a chimney. He said he would like to take a metal detector and look for old coins around the cabin.

I was of course, gung ho! And ready to wade the creek but the rest being of older years, feigned off and I did not get to cross the creek and walk to the Pratt family home site. Uncle Jim said it was quite a ways up the hill.

So, my fellow readers, cousins, brothers, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and children I can not give you an exact location or my impressions of the area...maybe one day, you may get to visit it.

Besides my 30-year insurance career, I also held two real estate licenses; one for Gundaker Realty in St. Charles, Missouri (about 1992-1993) and one for All Aces Century 21 Real Estate Company in Bradenton, Florida (1995-1996).

One of the purposes of getting a real estate license besides making money-selling properties was to teach myself how to read maps. This has come in handy when reading deed records and looking for ancestor's property.

In the C2G Profile of François Columbian Columbus "Lum" Missé, I list the exact location of that property he bought on Crows Creek in 1890.

That property he lived at from 1890 to 1911, when Henry & family moved in, I guess it became too much for Lum, because the Sullivan Sentinel newspaper article on 3 November 1911 said Lum was moving to Bourbon, Missouri.

I imagine Lum's second wife; Mary Lavina (**CAUFIELD**) Missey may not have liked being crammed into a small cabin with Henry's large family.

He left Henry and Mary the house on Crow's Creek and Lum and wife moved to Bourbon where Lum died on 26 April 1916.

So, there you have it, one of my disappointments of life...locating the cabin where my 2nd great grandfather; François Columbian Columbus "Lum" Missé (Lum) lived and owned, where my great grandfather Henry Winslow Pratt (Win) lived and died (1914) and where my grandfather; Columbus Benjamin Alexander Pratt (Lum) was born (1896).

Who knows, maybe...one day I may still get there yet. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 2010

1970 John McCormick's Book (as it was written)

"Forest Hills and Vicinity" by John Steele McCormick, 1970, states the following about Henry Winslow Pratt family, Page 376:

Over a century ago Alex Pratt came from Pennsylvania and settled on Brazeal Creek and Greens Branch. He married a Kimberlin. Their four children were.

I. Henry Winslow,

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<div>General: (cont.)</div> <div><p>II. Rynard, III. Carric, IV. Cleave.</p><p>Henry Winslow Pratt married Laura M. Missey, daughter of Columbus and Cynthia (TALBOT) Missey. They were the parents of the following eight children:</p><p>1. Columbus, b. Nov. 1, 1893; d. July 27, 19 ; married April 12, 1919, Rue Johnson, daughter of James Millard and Mary Jane "Dosia" (BARTON) Johnson of Bourbon. The family always lived in or near to Bourbon. Their children; A. Edith, who married Chester Skaggs. B. Carl, m. Mary of St. Louis. C. Roy, of near Steelville. D. Floyd, who with his family of wife and three sons lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. where he is executive vice-president of Atlas Life Insurance Company and is regarded as a leading efficiency expert. E. Nadine, who died young. F. James, of California.</p><p>2. Jesse L., b. 1895; d. 1962; buried National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks; of Leasburg; m. Nadine (SKAGGS).</p><p>3. Allan</p><p>4. Virgil of Bourbon m Eula, daughter of Pete Richardson of Steelville.</p><p>5. Arthur, b. Jan 2, 1902; d. May 7, 1961; m. (1) Hazel Belle Stall of Kansas City; m. (2) Mrs. Beulah Cross of Detroit, Mich.; no children.</p><p>6. Mary</p><p>7. Ruth, b. Aug. 8, 1904; d. Sept. 26, 1961; married Oct. 23 1919, Allan Graddy of Coffeyton, Oct. 23, 1919; all their children attended Forest Hill School.</p><p>8. Orville, of Kansas City.</p><p>There was also a John Pratt family whose descendants spread into northern Crawford County. This family came from Tennessee, but if related to the Alex Pratt family, it is not known. John A. Blanton of Sullivan married Sarah (PRATT) of this family. There were two other wives.</p><p>The 1850 census, always unsatisfactory, especially in giving initials instead of given names of member of the families, lists a Pratt family in Crawford County at this date as follows: "J. Pratt, age 23, b. in Ohio, and his wife, R. Pratt, aged 20, b. in N.C." and their two sons:N.C. aged 3 and J.M. aged one both here." (end of article)</p><p>This is the entirety of the text. However it is riddled with errors. When John McCormick was gathering information for his book, he sent letters to all the surnames he could find in the Crawford, Washington, Franklin county areas. One of these letters came to Floyd Theodore Pratt, my father.</p><p>Dad, not knowing a great deal about ancestors sent a copy of the letter to Rue Flavilla (JOHNSON) Pratt his mother; my grandmother. She wrote what she knew on letter paper about the Pratt, Johnson and allied families and sent it back to Dad in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where we lived in 1961. Dad added his comments to the information and sent all he knew with Grandmother's information and sent it to Mr. McCormick. Without my grandmother's effort there would have been no reference to the Pratt's let alone related families.</p><p>Concerning the validity of the information, as you know by now Alexander R. Pratt was born in Monroe County, Tennessee in 1831-1832. After a forced march on the "Trail of Tears" with his family, Henry and</p></div>
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General: (cont.)

Nancy (**CARTER**) Pratt jumped trail in Crawford County, Missouri and by the 1840 census had settled in Richwoods Twp, Washington, Missouri.

After some time Henry and family settled in what is now called the Hamilton Hollow area of the Johnson Township of Washington County, Missouri.

In 1856 Alexander 1st married Mary (**KIMBERLIN**) daughter of Rhinard & Frances Jane (**PETERS**) Kimberlin(g). Alexander and Mary had 8 children; (1) Mary Ellen (**PRATT**) married James Franklin Studdard; (2) Michael Pratt died young; (3) Stonewall Jackson Pratt married Mary Louise (**TAYLOR**); (4) Frances "Fannie" Minerva (**PRATT**) 1st married Jackman Whiteside, 2nd David McDonald Campbell; (5) Polina "Lina" (**PRATT**) married Thomas Livey Callahan; (6) Henry Winslow Pratt married Laura Mary Magdalene (**MISSEY**); (7) Rhinehart "Rinard" Pratt never married; (8) Minnie (**PRATT**) married George William Richter.

On 20 August 1885, Alexander Pratt married 2nd; Catherine Adaline (**DUGAN**) they had 2 children; (1) Carac Francis Pratt married Olivea Jane (**JARVIS**); (2) Cleveland Pratt died young. It appears Catherine (**DUGAN**) Pratt died in childbirth in 1892.

Even though John McCormick's article was full of errors, written back in 1970, it gave me a roadmap to verify and validate the information I discovered about the Pratt family...thank you, John McCormick...good job, well done. And thank you Dad and Grandmother Rue. -Floyd Thomas Pratt 2009]

1980's Family Story

Sometime in during the 1980's, Ethel Isgriggs told me a story about Henry Winslow Pratt and his son; Columbus Benjamin Alexander Pratt having an argument over who was going to cut the firewood.

As of this date, I have not been able to identify this Ethel Isgriggs, I know Isgriggs was her married name and she lived in Bourbon. But, she was a good friend of my Great Aunt Eula Viola (**RICHARDSON**) Pratt, who also collaborated this story.

The story goes that "Winslow" told his son "Lum" to cut some firewood. Lum refused and Win told him he would have whip him if he didn't obey. Lum still refused and Win and Lum started to fistfight and brawl on the ground until Winslow was victorious and Lum succumbed and cut the firewood.

If this story is true, which I have no reason to doubt these ladies, this would have had to take place before Winslow's death in 1914. Lum would have been around 14 to 20 years old (1907-1914) and Winslow would have been in his 40's!

Columbus way to old for fighting with his father and Winslow way to old for trying to prove he was still the top dog in his house.

Ethel also said the Pratt's were hard cases and rough people. Not only were they financially poor and lacking higher educations, but this hard case characteristic in their personality was a carryover from their "Trail of Tears" survival mentality and Cherokee heritage when life was rough and survival was the order of the day. Hard times required hard men and the Pratt's and their counterparts; the Blanton's took second seat to no one.

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My father often told me that you did not want to challenge or cross Lum Pratt because he was a tough character and a no nonsense type of guy. Whatever he said, you did with no backtalk or discussion...that is if you didn't want to pick your teeth up off the ground.

This type of rough love behavior had its positive influence and negative influence. The positive effect was that the Pratts were taught to stand on their own two feet and take charge and be responsible and accountable for their actions. This led to independence and strength with a get-it-done attitude. The negative result was a lack of or the ability to offer unconditional love or to express their affections for family and friends.

Dad says the only time his father (Lum) embraced him and gave him a hug was when Dad came back from WWII in 1947...my father was 20 years old at that time.

I am convinced without the saving graces of our dear wives teaching us to even the scales of justice...with love, we Pratts would not have the potential to be the loving husbands and fathers that we strive to be today. Hopefully, when dealing with friends and especially family, none of us in this period of education and enlightenment carry over the negative caveman characteristics exhibited by or forefathers.-Floyd Thomas Pratt 2009

1994 Newspaper Article

Bourbon Beacon Newspaper, Thursday, February 24, 1994 page 12 (as it was written)

"The Henry Winslow Pratt Family" by Submitted by Harry H. Missey & James King

Over a century ago Alex Pratt came from Pennsylvania and settle on Brazil Creek and Green's Branch. He married a Kimberlin. Their four children were Henry Winslow, Rynard, Carric, and Cleave.

Henry Winslow Pratt married Laura M. Missey, daughter of Columbus and Cynthia (Talbot) Missey.

They were parents of the following eight children:

Columbus was born on November 1, 1893 and died on July 27, 19___. He married Rue Johnson, daughter of James Millard and Mary Jane "Dosia" (Barton) Johnson of Bourbon on April 12, 1919. The family always lived in or near Bourbon. Their children were: Edith, who married Chester Skaggs; Carl who married Mary of St. Louis; Roy, who married Bernice Clark; Floyd, who married Dorothy Bebmimi; James who moved to California; Nadine who died young.

Jess L. Pratt was born in 1895 and died in 1962 and was buried in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks. He married Nadine Skaggs.

Virgil Pratt of Bourbon married Eula Richardson, daughter of Pete Richardson of Steelville. Children of Virgil and Eula (Richardson) Pratt were: Rosalee married Jim Mayberry, Thelma married Dave Roland, Mary married Calvin Ivy, Don married Wilma George; Eugene married Lucille ?; Virginia married Leonard Slabert. Arthur Pratt was born on January 2, 1902 and died on May 7, 1961. He married (1) Hazel Belle Stall of Kansas City, and then (2) married Mrs. Beulah Cross of Detroit, MI. There were no children born to either union. Mary died young and is buried at Harrison Cemetery.

Ruth was born on August 8, 1904 and died on September 26, 1961, She married Allan Graddy of Coffeyton, on October 23, 1919, All 14 of their children attended Forest Hill School. Their children were: Dorothy who married Ernest Wilaker; Mildred married Allie Hurst; Bill who married Parline Davis; Harold who married a Mick, first name not know; Hilda who married PEarl Phillips; Ed married Cathleen Reeves; Evelyn who the A. Schmidt; Ben who married Evelyn Vayless; Don who married Faye Broy; Hazel married Ronnie Pennock; Dean married Pearl ?; Cecil married Rose Mary Madison; Betty married Leo Mayberry; and Ronnie who married Kathy McMillian.

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General: (cont.)

Orville married Olive Mellow. Three children were born to this union. They lived in Kansas City. Their children were Orville, Jr., Kenneth, and Kathleen.

There was also a John Pratt family whose descendants spread into northern Crawford County. This family came from Tennessee, but if related to the Alex Pratt family, it is not known. John A. Blanton of Sullivan, married Sarah Pratt of this family. There were two other wives.

The 1850 census, always unsatisfactory, especially in giving initials instead of given names of members of families, lists a Pratt family in Crawford County at this date as follows: "I J Pratt, age 23, born in Ohio, and his wife, R. Pratt, age 20, born in North Carolina and their two sons: N C aged 3, and J M aged one, both were born here." (end of article)

[This is what happens when people take other people's information without research or collaboration. As you probably already have seen the similarities between the John McCormick book and the above information Harry wrote in this article. When Harry was alive in 1990's I visited him at his home in Leasburg and he gave me many newspaper articles about the people of Crawford County. I have those in my collection of family artifacts. He admitted he did not do any research and just collected information for his weekly article in the Bourbon Beacon. This prompted my decision to submit articles to the Bourbon Beacon about families of Crawford County but the difference being, my material would be original with documented evidence. That's when I sent my articles to the Bourbon Beacon for about a year before they went out of business. Concerning the article above, on the newspaper original that I have in the Henry Winslow Pratt family file, it is unknown to me where I got that article or who had written on it and made corrections. So, I did not write on it but maybe it was in Grandmother Rue's stuff that dad had given me.]

My 2008 Rebuttal to the error ridden articles

First of all Alexander Pratt married **Mary** Kimberlin, daughter of Rinhard (Rhinehart) Kimberlin(g) and Frances Jane (**PETERS**). Alex was from Tennessee not Pennsylvania. Looking at the 1860 census it looks like the censustaker wrote PENN for a birthplace for Alex but if you compare the T's you will see it actually is TENN for Tennessee. Alex and Mary had 8 children. Alex married 2nd Miss Catherine Adaline (**DUGAN**) and had sons; Carric & Cleveland Pratt.

Children of Alex and Mary (**KIMBERLIN**) Pratt: (1) Mary Ellen (**PRATT**) married James Franklin Studdard; (2) Michael Pratt died young; (3) Stonewall Jackson Newton Pratt married Mary "Mollie" Louise (**TAYLOR**); (4) Frances "Fannie" Manerva (**PRATT**) married 1st Jackman Whiteside, 2nd David McDonald Campbell; (5) Paulina "Lina" (**PRATT**) married Thomas Livey Callahan; (6) Henry Winslow "Win" married Laura Mary Magdalene (**MISSEY**); (7) Rhinehart "Rinard" Pratt never married; (8) Minnie (**PRATT**) married George William Richter.

Children of Alex and Catherine Adaline (**DUGAN**) Pratt: (1) Carac Francis Pratt married Olivea Jane (**JARVIS**); (2) Cleveland Pratt died young.

Children of Henry "Win" Winslow and Larua (**MISSEY**) Pratt all 8 of them:

[Henry & Larua children are listed as 1a, 2a, 3, etc.]

(1a) Columbus was born 1 November 1893 in Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri and died 27 July 19 **47**.

He married Rue Flavilla (**JOHNSON**) daughter of Judge James Millard Sr. and Mary Jane Theodosia

"Dosa" (**BARTON**) Johnson of Bourbon on 12 April 1919.

Children of Columbus & Rue (**JOHNSON**) Pratt all 6 of them: (1) Mary Edith (**PRATT**) married Chester Milford Skaggs; (2) Carl Benjamin married Mary Theresa (**BRESCIA**); (3) Roy Lee married 1st Mary Jane

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(STEIDEL), 2nd Gladys Louise (EATON), 3rd Bernice Irene (STRAIN); (4) Floyd Theodore married 1st Delores Virginia (BROWN), 2nd Dorothy (BEDNAREK); (5) James Henry married Evelin Juantia (MILLER); (6) Nadine Wilma Pearl (PRATT) died young.

(2a) Jesse Lee Pratt born 23 November 1894 and died 12 August 1962 married Nadine Mae (SKAGGS) no children.

Note: When you have amateurs giving information without documentation through research, mistakes like the above article are written. Harry states in the article that Winslow and Laura had the following 8 children and then he names only 7 of them leaving Albert Paris Pratt completely out of the article.

Remember, genealogy without documentation is mythology.-Floyd Thomas Pratt

(3a) Albert Paris Pratt born 28 June 1897 and died 11 August 1936. He married Mary (SHEPARD). No children.

(4a) Virgil Ranson Pratt born 4 July 1899 and died 21 January 1971. He married Eula Viola (RICHARDSON) daughter of William Eli "Pete" and Jessie (COFFMAN) Richardson.

Children of Virgil and Eua (RICHARDSON) Pratt all 6 of them: (1) Rosalie Ruth (PRATT) married James "Jim" William Mayberry; (2) Thelma Dorothy (PRATT) married David Andrew Rowland; (3) Mary Jessie (PRATT) married Calvin Mason Ivie; (4) Curtis "Curt" Albert Pratt married Tommie (MULLENS); (5) Donald Virgil Pratt married Wilma Laverne (GEORGE); (6) Eugene "Gene" Lee Pratt married Joann (GARCIA); (7) Virginia "Ginnie" Gay (PRATT) married Leonard Edward Slankard.

(5a) Henry Arthur "Art" Pratt born 3 January 1902 and died 7 May 1961. He married 1st Hazel Belle (COZIAH) Darnell Schwartz Bellamy Vail Stall, 2nd Beulah Trassy (COFFMAN) Beauton Spoel Cross, no children.

(6a) Ruth Jane (PRATT) born 8 August 1904 died 26 September 1961 married Rufus Allen Graddy. Children of Rufus & Ruth (PRATT) Graddy all 14 of them: (1) Dorothy Mae (GRADDY) married Ernest Otha Whitaker; (2) Mildred Opal (GRADDY) married Allie Hurst; (3) William Allen Graddy married Pearline (DAVIS); (4) Hilda Mary (GRADDY) married Murrel Clay Phillips; (5) Harold Lee Graddy married Mildred "Mickey" (MARTIN); (6) Edward James Graddy married Kathleen (REEVES); (7) Evelyn Laura (GRADDY) married Virgil Charles Schmitt; (8) Benjamin Lewis Graddy married Evelyn (BAYLESS); (9) Donald Earl Graddy married Faye (BRAY); (10) Cecil Arthur Graddy married 1st Rosemary Ann Hartl (FOLEY), 2nd Frances Marie (MANUES); (11) Hazel Bell (GRADDY) married Rolan Charles Pennock; (12) Laird Dean Graddy married Pearl (LITAKER); (13) Betty Jane (GRADDY) married Leo Mayberry; (14) Ronald Francis Graddy married Cathy (McMILLIEN).

(7a) Mary (PRATT) born 12 June 1907 and died 7 October 1918 never married, died young.

(8a) Orville Hayes Pratt born 17 December 1911 and died 11 June 1980 married 1st Mary Olive (MALLOW) they had 3 children; (1) Orville Willard Pratt married Patricia Janet (BARNES); (2) Kenneth Lee Pratt married Joan Marie (BENOIST); (3) Kathleen Mae (PRATT) married Gayle Starling; Orville's 2nd wife Marie Virginia (PARSLEY), no children.

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General: (cont.)

Concerning the John Pratt family that Harry refers to, no connection can be found at this time. However, Harry's information was wrong again because the Sarah (**PRATT**) he mentions is not the daughter of John Pratt but the daughter of Henry & Nancy (**CARTER**) Pratt.

Sarah Ann (**PRATT**) born 31 October 1834 and died 7 December 1896 married John Anderson Blanton son of Joshua and Benthany (**HARMON**) Blanton. After Sarah Ann died, John Blanton married 2nd Emma J. (**TROUTT**), 3rd wife _____ (**SKAGGS**).

Harry speaks of another J. Pratt in the 1850 census but I have not been able to connect him to the above Pratts. All the above information is documented in my 35 years of research database.-Floyd Thomas Pratt 2008]

Why did Alexander R. & Mary (KIMBERLIN) Pratt name one of their sons; Henry Winslow Pratt? by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 2009

The name Winslow is so unusual it is hard to determine where it came from. I can find no references or articles to famous people carrying that name circa 1860's or around the time of Henry Winslow Pratt's birth (1869). I can not find any family member in the Pratt, Carter, Blanton or Kimberlin lines that carried the Winslow name. However, there is a long shot I found through my research efforts, that may have a clue to the origin of the name.

David Jackson Staples married Mary Pratt (**WINSLOW**) in Boston, Massachusetts in 1848. This was the same year that gold had been discovered on the American River in California. David decided he had to go west to seek his fortune and with 25 men, including Mary's brother George Winslow from Newton, Massachusetts and her Uncle Jesse Winslow and others, formed the Boston-Newton Joint Stock Association.

In 1848 and with the intent of going to California to participate in the gold rush, David Staples kept a journal of the trip. Traveling by train and lake steamer they reached Ohio without incident. After reaching Cairo, Illinois by April 27th and heading north to Saint Louis (City) for provisions, the party was spurred on by a cholera epidemic in St. Louis and left for Independence, Missouri by paddleboat up the Missouri River.

On May 27th, Staples wrote of Indians, mule trouble, double-teaming the wagons through the wet prairie, a party"....returning haveing lost a husband father and friend of Cholera." Who this was and the party that returned is not mentioned. But, on June 8th, George Winslow died in Nebraska from cholera. David Staples and party continued on to California and in 1862 was one of the founders of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, in San Francisco.

Presumptive Conclusions

The following questions and assumptions are based on several coincidences from the David Jackson Staples story. These queries are meant to provoke contemplation and engage the reader into action, so someone, somewhere will desire to investigate and find the answers.

(1) Could the Mary Pratt (**WINSLOW**) from Newton, Massachusetts, that married David Staples have been a relative of Alexander or one of the other Pratts?

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- (2) Was Alexander Pratt familiar with the Boston Pratts?
- (3) When the Staples party left St. Louis by paddleboat, they probably traveled the Missouri River.
- (4) They may have stopped at Hannibal, Missouri for provisions. Hannibal is not far from our Pratts in Crawford County.
- (5) Did the Staples-Winslow party stop and visit with the Pratts from Crawford County, Missouri?
- (6) One thing is known...Alexander Pratt went to the California gold fields in 1848-1849. This story was passed down by Alexander to his son; Carac who told his son; Orville, who told me in the 1980's before he died about Alex making the trip to California.
- (7) I have always speculated that if Alexander went west in 1848 to California for gold, he didn't go alone. I believe some of his brother's and maybe his father; Henry Pratt accompanied him.
- (8) Let's take this one step further, could Henry & Alexander and his brothers have hooked up with the David Staples party when they were going through Missouri at about the same time?
- (9) Could Henry Pratt, who we know was alive in 1842, could he have died on the trail out west? His wife, Nancy (**CARTER**) Pratt is a widow by the 8 October 1850 census date. After 35 years of researching, we still do not know where or when Henry Pratt died.
- (10) David Staples' Journal says that "*a party of their group lost a husband father and friend due to the cholera epidemic and returned*". Could this have been Henry Pratt who died on the trail and his sons returned home to Crawford County, Missouri?
- (11) Alexander is in the 1850 census with his mother and brothers. Why didn't he continue his westward trek to the gold fields of California? What would force him to return prematurely? Maybe the death of their father?
- (12) Did Alexander's association with the Staples and Winslow men on the trail create an impression on Alexander, that in 1869 he named one of his sons--Henry after his grandfather and Winslow after his good friend George Winslow of Newton, Massachusetts?
- (13) Alexander's son; Stonewall Jackson Pratt after reaching adulthood, dropped the "Stonewall" and took the middle name of "Newton". All the while he was alive in Columbia, Missouri since his adult life he was known as Jackson "Jack" Newton Pratt. Where did he get the name of Newton? From Newton, Massachusetts?
- (14) Henry Winslow Pratt named one of his sons, Jesse Lee Pratt in 1894. I can find no previous references to the name Jesse in the Pratt, Kimberlin, Missey families other than Carter family which I am sure they, meaning Henry Winslow Pratt, was not aware of...Jesse Carter Sr. his great-grandfather. The Pratts did not have any written record of their family history so I am sure Jesse Carter Sr. was unknown to them. I think Henry Winslow Pratt named Jesse Pratt after Jesse Winslow from Newton, Massachusetts, who accompanied his father, Alex and David Staples westward to California.

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(15) Once again Boston, Massachusetts pops up in my research. If the above hypothesis has any creditability, then maybe there was something to my great Aunt Eula's story about one of Jackson Pratt's boys stealing some Boston deeds from Laura (**MISSEY**) Pratt in the late 1920's or early 1930's. More on that story can be found in my article, "Who Stole the Deeds?" Should be noted that **many older** family members retold the stolen deed story to me, not just my great Eula Viola (**RICHARDSON**) Pratt.

I have a book titled "**Still Flying and Nailed to the Mast**", The First Hundred Years of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, by William Bronson, © 1963 by Doubleday & Company, Inc. Garden City, New York. This book gives an accounting of some of the journals of David Staples and the hardships they faced on their journey to California from Boston.

When my father was in the insurance business and owned his own agency, he contracted with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company as an agent (around 1969) and they gave him this book. He later gave me the book. Little did I know the mysteries I would find concerning the Staples, Winslow and Pratt families within its pages. I found it strange that the founder of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company had married Mary Pratt (**WINSLOW**). I realize without more collaborating evidence, the above hypothesis is purely speculation. In any case there are some coincidences that can not be overlooked. -Floyd Thomas Pratt 2009

In any case, in the Crawford County area, Henry Winslow Pratt was known by his contemporaries as "Win" Pratt.

My Mission Statement

by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

The above information has taken 35 years to track down, collect, aquire and accumulate. When I began my research into the Pratt family in 1975, to fulfill the requirements of my church, very little was known about the Pratts.

Some knew of Winslow Pratt, only one person I met within the Pratt circle of family members knew of Alex Pratt, but just his name, but none not even the Blanton researchers had the facts straight or had done any serious research.

The research process was hard and difficult. Information could be obtained from very limited sources. Libraries, courthouses, cemeteries and personal stories from those who had lived and made history. Many hours were spent in front of microfilm machines looking at page after page, rolls after rolls of microfilm hoping to find your ancestor. Cemetery after cemetery were visited when one could make time between raising a family and working to support that family.

In the process, I met many new friends and shared stories with people, like ships passing in the night, sharing what I knew and finding out what they knew. This research process has and always will be a collective effort.

The research process required me to drive hundreds if not thousands of miles and led me into dusty record rooms of old courthouses, hundreds of cemeteries, small libraires in little towns across the United States documenting and looking for my roots and origins.

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I traveled in pursuit of the truth from coast to coast, we have been to Washington D.C. to the Library of Congress, the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Archives to name a few places.

I have sat in the chairs of Senators of Congress and seen the great hall, have picked up from the dirt a hand made nail in Spotsylvania, Virginia from my wife's family ancestral homestead. Brought back a homemade brick from the same ancestral home.

Have copied countless numbers of documents from all over this country and spent a small fortune in pursuit of the great question...Who was I, why was I here and who were those who had blazed trails before me? And most important of all...Why wasn't I rich?

I was not only able to answer those questions, but much, much more.

I discovered our Cherokee heritage and felt the sadness and heartbreak of Henry, Nancy and children leaving our Tennessee homeland, forced by bayonet on the "Trail of Tears", suffering the loss of children and family members on the journey. Having to jump the "trail" in order to prevent confinement in another concentration camp in Indian Territory...now known as Oklahoma.

I have walked over the hills of Monroe County, Tennessee on land where my Pratts and Carters lived.

Feeling, the struggle of the Pratts as they marched in the cold, without means and food to march over 800 miles to a strange land where they did not want to go to. Because of their Cherokee heritage, they were denied the rights of other men, to vote, to own land and to prosper as white men prospered.

Hiding in the caves of Johnson Township, Washington County, Missouri, from the US Army so they would not be forced to go to Indian territory, the cave they hid in is now named Pratt Cave by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Henry and sons, building a log cabin on the bluff overlooking Pratt Spring, while white men like Absalom Blanton who married Henry's sister Cynthia, a Cherokee princess, was able to buy land and develop a mining operation and build a manison in what used to be called Blanton Hollow is now known as Hamilton Hollow.

Living in fear of the government, Henry and family scratched a meek meager existance as did other natives in the region. Eventually, their sons and daughters had children who attended schools and became prosperous. Leaving a proud legacy for future generations.

I climbed the hills to see Blanton Cemetery and on the other hill, Hamilton Cemetery and found the unmarked graves of many of my ancestors. Many indentations of a burial site with a rock or a mason glass jar as a headstone, with artifacts inside, as was Cherokee custom.

So, remember my reader, while you bask in your proud heritage of your pioneer ancestors, remember...they walked over the bones of my native ancestors to get where they were going. Since my Pratts are only one line, I am a man in conflict, because the rest of my ancestors were those European

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pioneers.

Has my life been enriched because of my genealogy research? Indeed. Do I have any regrets, none, just wish I had more time on this earth to continue more research and find the answers to some intriguing questions. But, I leave that to you, the next generations, to find the answers...or not.

I and many like me have given you a road map to follow and pointed you in the right direction to find your family. To answer your questions for instance, "Who do you think you are?" I have found my answers and I challenge the next generation to magnify what you have been given and leave a true legacy for your children and grandchildren. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 3 June 2010

Your Author's Pedigree; Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt

4	Columbus Benjamin A Pratt	8	Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt	16	Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt	32	Henry Pratt
	b. 1 December 1893 p. Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, W~m. 12 April 1919 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~d. 27 July 1947 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~		b. 6 September 1869 p. near Osage Post Office, Johnson ~m. 29 January 1893 p. Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mi~d. 24 March 1914 p. near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, C~		b. March 1831 d. 1912		b. 1800-1803
2	Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt	9	Mary Laura Magdalene Missey	17	Mary Kimberlin	33	Nancy Carter
b. 6 January 1927 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un~m. 1 March 1947 p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, Missouri, U~d. p.	5	Rue Flavilla Johnson	b. 20 July 1874 p. Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri~d. 17 April 1938 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~	b. 1835 d. 1876-1880	18	Francois Columbier C Missé	b. 1802-1803
1	Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt	10	Judge James Millard Johnson Sr.	19	Cynthia N. Talbot	35	Frances Jane Peters
	b. 3 January 1948 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain~m. 14 August 1972 p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Church, 210~d. p. sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach	b. 29 September 1854 p. Moselle, Central Twp, Franklin, Mis~m. 14 May 1884 p. Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un~d. 21 May 1941 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~	b. 3 April 1848 d. 28 March 1896	b. 4 January 1826	b. 1804		
6	Peter Conley Brown	11	Mary Jane Theodosia Barton	20	Martin Johnson	36	Jean "John" Baptiste Missé
	b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee, Unit~m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee, Unit~	b. 18 January 1861 p. near Pine Mountain Post Office, M~d. 10 June 1913 p. Walnut Street, Bourbon Village, Bo~	b. 22 March 1805 d. 27 September 1859	b. 15 June 1811			
3	Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown	12	John A. Brown	21	Comfort Osborn	37	Marie "Mary" Françoise Piquette
b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain~d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bellevue, Lo~	7	Olga Elmiria O'Daniel	b. May 1844 p. Tennessee, United States m. 18 November 1891 p. Weakley, Tennessee, United States d. p.	b. 10 June 1814 d. 26 April 1877	22	William "Billy" Barton	b. 4 January 1826
14	James Leonidas "Lee" O'Daniel	13	Obedience "Bedie" Lackey	23	Harriet King	38	Benjamin Talbot
	b. 15 December 1869 p. Rutherford, Gibson, Tennessee, Un~m. 22 May 1897 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 8 March 1921 p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dyersburg, ~	b. Febduary 1871 p. Tennessee, United States d. p.	b. 23 July 1834 d. 3 February 1920	b. 12 February 1818			
15	Daisy Dean Bell	24	Brown	25	Wife	40	Benjamin Johnson
	b. 7 September 1881 p. 19th District, Walnut Grove Twp, G~d. 14 May 1920 p. Jackson Crossing, Civil District 11, ~						
30	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	26	William Lackey	27	Lidia	41	Amelia Gaston
	b. 1 July 1850 d. 1892-1893						
31	Hettie M. Jackson	28	Stephen "Steve" C. O'Daniel	29	Elizabeth Ellen Gordon	42	William Osborn
	b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902						
62	Alexander Jackson	30	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	31	Hettie M. Jackson	43	Rebecca Richmond
	b. 1840						
63	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	32	Henry Pratt	33	Nancy Carter	44	John Milton Barton
	b. 1840						
b. 1840	64	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	65	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	45	Sophia Keitle
b. 1840	66	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749	46	Rev. Jonathan King	47	Mary Holt
b. 1840	67	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	48	b.	49	b.
b. 1840	68	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749	50	b.	51	b.
b. 1840	69	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	52	b.	53	b.
b. 1840	70	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749	54	b.	55	b.
b. 1840	71	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	56	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	57	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	72	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749	58	John Gordon	59	Nancy
b. 1840	73	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	60	b.	61	b.
b. 1840	74	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	b. Abt 1749	62	Alexander Jackson	63	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter
b. 1840	75	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	64	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	65	Alexander Jackson
b. 1840	76	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	66	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	67	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.
b. 1840	77	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	68	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	69	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	78	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	70	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	71	Hettie M. Jackson
b. 1840	79	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	72	Alexander Jackson	73	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter
b. 1840	80	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	74	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	75	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.
b. 1840	81	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	76	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	77	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	82	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	78	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	79	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	83	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	80	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	81	Hettie M. Jackson
b. 1840	84	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	82	Alexander Jackson	83	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter
b. 1840	85	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	84	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	85	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	86	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	86	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	87	Annie Keathley
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b. 1840	88	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	90	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	91	Hettie M. Jackson
b. 1840	89	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	92	Alexander Jackson	93	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter
b. 1840	90	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	94	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	95	Annie Keathley
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b. 1840	93	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	100	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	101	Hettie M. Jackson
b. 1840	94	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	102	Alexander Jackson	103	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter
b. 1840	95	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	104	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	105	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	96	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	106	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	107	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	97	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	108	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	109	Annie Keathley
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b. 1840	101	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	116	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	117	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	102	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	118	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	119	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	103	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	120	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	121	Hettie M. Jackson
b. 1840	104	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	122	Alexander Jackson	123	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter
b. 1840	105	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	124	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	125	Annie Keathley
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b. 1840	107	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	128	Alexander O'Daniel Sr.	129	Annie Keathley
b. 1840	108	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	130	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	131	Hettie M. Jackson
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b. 1840	113	Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter	b. 1840	140	John Franklin "Frank" Bell	141	Hettie M. Jackson
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A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with at total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute